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SUBJECT: PNG'S PROBLEMS WITH IRIANESE

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1. FONSEC SIAGURU TOLD ME FEBRUARY 23 THAT FONMIN KIKI HAD  
WORKED FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS TO TRY TO SETTLE STATUS OF  
IRIANESE REFUGEES. HE CONCLUDED THAT THE GROUPS OUTSIDE  
PNG WERE TOO INVILVED WITH INTERNAL BICKERING AND TOO JEALOUS  
OF EACH OTHER TO PERMIT MEANINGFUL COOPERATION. HENCE HE  
FOCUSED ON BUSH IRIANESE, LIVING IN THE FORESTS ON EITHER  
SIDE OF BORDER, AND CROSSING BACK AND FORTH AS NEED BE.

2. KIKI PERSUADED THE BUSH IRIANESE TO ADOPT A CEASE FIRE  
IN SEPTEMBER 1975, AND THIS LASTED UNTIL DECEMBER. DURING  
THIS PERIOD, GPNG THOUGHT IT COULD WORK OUT A SETTLEMENT  
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BETWEEN THE IRIANESE IN PNG AND THE GOI, SIAGURU SAID.

3. HOWEVER, THE TIMORESE (FRETELIN GROUP) GOT IN TOUCH WITH THE BUSH IRIANESE DURING THE CEASE FIRE AND TOLD THEM MONEY AND SUPPLIES (INCLUDING ARMS) COULD BE OBTAINED FROM ABROAD TO SUPPORT THEIR CAUSE, AND ADVISED THEM NOT TO MAKE ANY CONCESSIONS TO INDONESIA. THIS LED TO A BREAKDOWN IN THE CEASE FIRE. WHEN KIKI LEARNED THAT THE IRIANESE HAD VIOLATED THE CEASE FIRE HE WROTE THE IRIANESE A VERY STRONG LETTER DATED DECEMBER 23 (REFERRED TO IN REFTELS), SIAGURU SAID. IN THAT LETTER KIKI SAID THE GPNG WOULD NOT TOLERATE INCURSIONS INTO PNG OF UN- INFORMED AND ARMED PEOPLE FROM ANY SOURCE. THAT WOULD MEAN CURTAILING THE HIT AND RUN RAIDS MADE BY THE IRIANESE AGAINST THE INDONESIANS PRIOR TO THE CEASE FIRE.

4. COMMENT: KIKI'S LETTER OBVIOUSLY ANTAGONIZED THE IRIANESE AND LED THE WEST IRIAN INFORMATION OFFICE IN DAKAR TO PUT OUT A PRESS RELEASE WHICH WAS PICKED UP BY THE EAST TIMORESE GROUP IN SYDNEY AND GIVEN PUBLICITY IN THIS AREA.

5. APPARENTLY THERE WAS SOME VIOLENCE ALONG THE BORDER IN RECENT WEEKS BUT IT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN A RESUMPTION OF THE LEVEL OF ACTIVITY THAT PREVAILED PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER. KIKI'S STRONG STAND MAY DAMPEN DOWN FURTHER IRIANESE ACTIVITY, AT LEAST ON THE PNG SIDE OF THE BORDER. SIAGURU SAID MOST OF THE IRIANESE NOW IN PNG AS "PERMISSIVE RESIDENTS" HAD APPLIED FOR PNG CITIZENSHIP, AND ADDED THAT THESE APPLICATIONS CREATED DIFFICULTIES FOR THE GPNG.  
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